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THE BIDS MUCH HIGHER.

MESSRS. SHAFER & McDOWELL AND JOHN O'ROURKE DECLINE TO BID AGAIN.

The Township Committee holds a long session on Monday night—Lewis Cocke, chairman, presides from the Road Committee.

Chairman Gilbert rapped with a new gavel on the marble block, presented by Parmore & Meeker of Newark, in calling the Committee to order last Monday evening.

When the minutes had been approved, petitions were read asking for sidewalks on Spruce Street and Bloomfield Avenue. A petition was also read requesting the grading and macadamizing of Spruce Street from Belleville Avenue to Maple Street. These petitions were referred.

George Inness, Jr., applied for tax bills on his property, to be paid without costs or interest. This property has formerly been taxed in Montclair township, but the courts have decided that the property was in Bloomfield, and that this township was entitled to the tax.

Lewis Cocke tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Road Committee, which was accepted, and Charles H. Halfpenny was made Chairman and Mr. Selbert was added to the Committee.

Mr. Selbert said he had received a number of complaints from citizens about unmuzzled dogs running at large, and he therefore moved that the Police Committee be instructed to enforce the ordinance against dogs running at large and also to take any precautionary measures necessary.

Mr. Rayner asked for better gas service on Ridgewood Avenue, as several lamps on that street had at times either been unlighted or else burned very poorly.

A letter was received from Messrs. Stevens and Munn asking for Exhibit D of the expert's report, or access to it. The request was granted.

Mr. Selbert said as the Collector's office was being put in proper shape, he moved that the Auditing Committee be instructed to audit the accounts of the Collector.

Several well-known citizens, who are competent accountants, to assist in the matters relating to the Collector's office. He proposed the names of Geo. W. Hancock, Lewis K. Dodd, and John F. Polson.

Mr. Halfpenny asked that the name of Mr. Rayner proposed the name of J. Bank Reford.

Mr. Halfpenny said he hoped Mr. Reford's name would be left off, as it was reputed Mr. Reford was very much prejudiced in Mr. Marr's favor.

Mr. Rayner said if Mr. Reford was partisan, the gentlemen named by Mr. Halfpenny was just as objectionable for the same reason.

Mr. Halfpenny said he did not think Mr. Stout would be partisan.

Mr. Selbert insisted on the original motion, and his motion was adopted.

Mr. Rudd, of the Fire Committee, moved that the Chief of the Fire Department had given keys of the fire-boxes to the former members of the police force, and moved that they be notified to turn them over to Chief Johnson, and to give them to the new police, which was adopted.

Bids were received for making and setting up street signs as follows: J. H. Island, wood, 20 cents each; F. N. Hat, wood 20 cents, corrugated iron letters, 35 cents; porcelain letters, 61-2 cents per letter; John H. Under, wood 35 cents iron 20 cents.

These bids were referred to the Road Committee, who selected corrugated iron sign, and recommended that the contract be given to Moffat, and the Committee so it.

Attention was called to the bad condition of the culvert on Washington Avenue, below the old stone house, by Mr. Rayner.

Badgely of Montclair appeared before the Committee, and offered in of ex-Township Committeeman A. T. Mason the taxes for 1879 on property had subsequently come into possession of Mr. Van Gleason. He stated that his client did not know the property was a lien against the property at the time of purchase; he was willing to pay the taxes and costs, but not the interest. The proposition was referred to the Legal Committee.

Motion of Mr. Rayner the Road Committee was instructed to remove the cross Washington Avenue at the line, and the Clerk was notified to request the township of Montclair to grade the street at this place.

Mr. Bruett said that he had been on the Committee last year, and had been on the grade on Orchard Street, and saw all the surface water on the street, and all he had to say to the Committee at this time was to look at the road construction were re-

laid as follows: Wright & Lindsey, 75 cents, six-inch 95, eight-

inch, \$1.15; George Spottiswoode, four-inch 78 cents, six-inch 94 cents, eight-inch \$1.20.

The lowest bids received by the Committee last month were 60 cents for four-inch, 70 cents for six-inch, and 93 cents for eight-inch.

Shaffer & McDowell and John O'Rourke who were the lowest last month declined to renew their bids.

It is doubtful if either of these bids will be accepted, as it would make road construction very expensive.

The resignation of Adam Romig from Excelsior Hose Company was accepted.

A petition was received from property owners on James Street asking for gas lamps on that street.

On motion of Mr. Halfpenny it was decided to apportion the road appropriation as follows: First Ward, \$3,000; Second Ward, \$2,000; Third Ward, \$3,000. Mr. Hummel objected to this, claiming that the Second Ward should have \$3,000.

Mr. Rayner said that last year the First Ward had 2,985 feet of road made, the Second Ward 2,140 feet, and the Third Ward, but 1,800 feet; that the Third Ward had three very important streets needing immediate attention—Ridgewood Avenue, Watsessing Avenue, and Washington Avenue.

Mr. Cocke said that he hoped Broad Street would be completed to the county line; the taxpayers in that vicinity had no water, no gas, no sidewalks, and no crosswalks; all they wanted was a good road. He thought the Second Ward was entitled to more money.

A communication was read complaining of bicycle riding on sidewalks, and the Clerk was instructed to have the dog and bicycle ordinances printed and posted up.

A petition from residents of Glen Ridge was read asking that \$2,000 of the road money be expended on Ridgewood Avenue.

Thomas Finnerty complained of the dangerous railroad crossing on Walnut Street, his child having been injured by a train last week. The complaint was referred to the Legal Committee.

The attention of the Road Committee was called to Belmont Avenue, a small portion of which is in this township.

Two members of the old police force presented bills for the time spent last year in getting measured for their uniforms, but the Police Committee refused to pay the bill, and it was referred back.

On the recommendation of the Road Committee the contract for furnishing broken stone was awarded to Shaffer & McDowell at \$1.63 per gross ton.

Mr. Rayner moved that the \$3,000 for roads in the Third Ward be expended as follows: Ridgewood Avenue \$1,500; Watsessing Avenue \$700; and Washington Avenue \$800.

Mr. Rudd moved to amend the motion making it \$2,000 on Ridgewood Avenue, \$700 on Watsessing Avenue, and the balance on Washington Avenue.

Mr. Rayner said that this would leave but \$300 for Washington Avenue. He would rather that Ridgewood Avenue should have \$2,300, as it would be almost useless to attempt to stone Washington Avenue with \$300. He thought it unjust to give Ridgewood Avenue two-thirds of the whole appropriation.

It was to recognize the petition received, Mr. Rudd said, asking for \$2,000. His idea was to finish one road, and not leave several unfinished.

Mr. Rudd's amendment was lost, and the original motion was adopted.

Mr. Rudd, Chairman of the Committee on Schools, moved that the Committee be instructed to have the school house at Belmont Avenue, and the first step was to go into the school on a percentage, as it was impossible to tell what the cost would be. The members of the Committee should sound their constituents, and see how the taxpayers felt in regard to it. He had been asked how the Bloomfield people felt on the subject, and he now asked the same question of the members of the Committee.

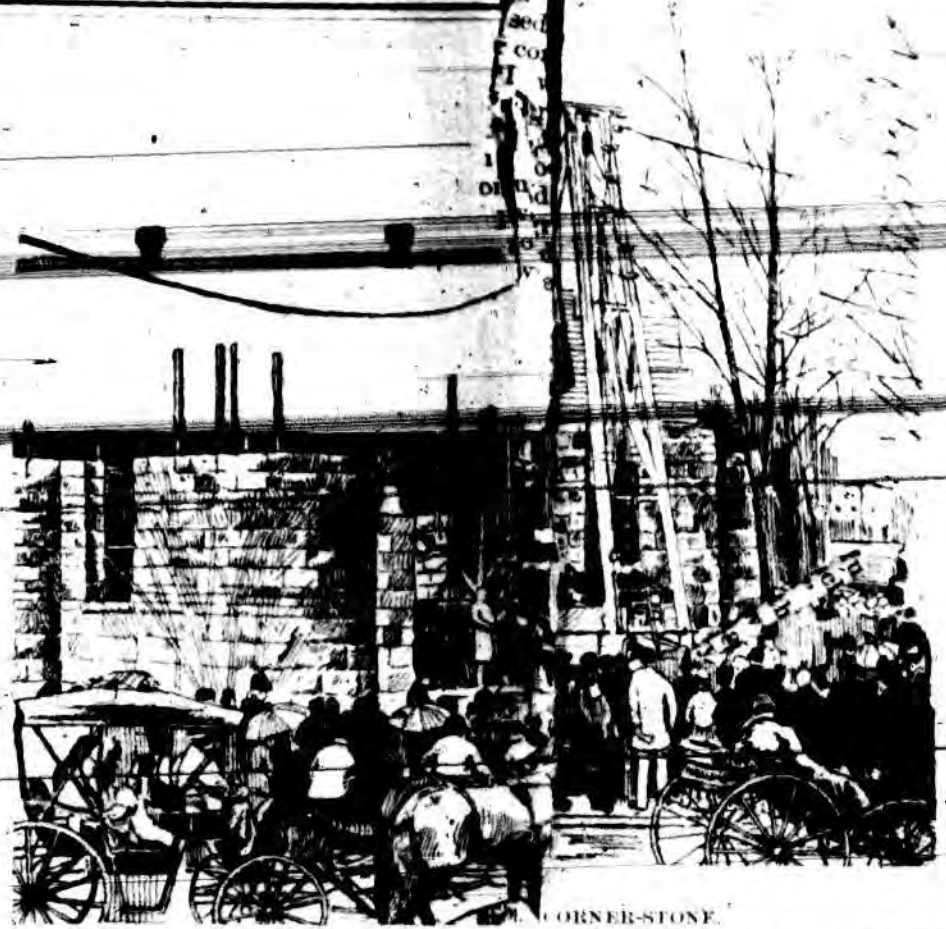
It was on motion decided to construct a stone gutter on Lincoln Street in front of C. E. Breeden's, and to build and repave the gutters at the intersection of Bloomfield and Ridgewood Avenues, Glen Ridge and Bloomfield Avenues, and Bloomfield and Washington Avenues.

It was also ordered that the Auditing Committee procure all the necessary books for the Collector.

Mr. Rayner asked that the Road Committee give some attention to Linden Avenue.

A Sociable in Fairview.

A musical and literary sociable was held at the residence of Charles L. Selbert, the popular Town Committeeman, last Thursday evening. Among the artists who furnished the evening's program were Mrs. Albion, Messrs. MacNeill, Dillon, Mohrman, Jansen, Unifield, and Miller. It was near midnight when the guests departed for home, and outsiders were well convinced of the fact that the Fairview people enjoy themselves.



THE INDENT'S JUST reported to print, this sketch last week.

A RARE TREAT.

To Raise Funds to Enlarge Hope Chapel.

Great preparations are being made for the entertainment in the Lecture Room of the First Presbyterian Church next Tuesday evening, and it bids fair to be one of the best scenic and musical affairs of the season.

The programme will consist of tableaux, statuary and music, both vocal and instrumental.

The scenic part of the programme is in charge of Mrs. Robert Madison, who will be assisted by a number of ladies and gentlemen of our town. About fifteen scenes will be presented, among which will be "The Sword Dance," from a famous painting by Gerome; "Diana or Christ," from the great artist, Edwin Long; "The Death Warrant of Mary Stuart," from the great artist, Edwin Long; "The Courtship of Miles Standish," and a number of minor scenes.

The music will be in charge of Charles Morris, who has secured the services of the following well known musicians: Mrs. Ballantine, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. F. W. Morris, Mrs. Crowell, Mrs. G. W. Morris, Mrs. P. H. Morris, Mrs. J. W. Morris, Mr. Roubaud, Arthur Davis, Louis Bliss, and E. W. Morris.

The object of the entertainment is to secure funds for the enlargement of Hope Chapel. The worthy object, as well as the interesting programme provided, should appeal to Bloomfield's citizens, and secure a large and appreciative audience.

The neighbors are not appreciative. Residents in the vicinity of the Glenwood Avenue tenement houses, west of the railroad, complain of some of the inmates as unmuzzled nuisances. Last Sunday night these people gave a free concert, but it seems it was not appreciated by the neighbors, as it did not begin until about eleven o'clock and was kept up until after two. Until that hour no one could sleep.

An Italian, who makes his living by travelling around with a hand-organ during the day, is one of the latest additions to this noisy settlement. He is an early riser, and, while probably awaiting the preparation of his breakfast, entertains the people of the vicinity by grinding out a variety of tunes on his organ. On Thursday morning, about five o'clock, after industriously turning out "St. Patrick's Day," "Annie Rooney," and a few other popular airs, he made a very unwise suggestion to his hearers by starting in on "Johnnie, Get Your Gun." One of the men in the vicinity acted on his advice, got out of bed and appeared on the street with an old horse pistol, but was disarmed from his purpose by a friend, who told him that his action might lead to international complications between the United States and Italy, following so closely on the New Orleans affair; and so the Italian's life was saved.

The Polish tenants in the same building swear they will not stand it much longer, but their threats are all made in their native tongue, and the Italian seems to think they are complimenting him.

Tried to Beat His Own Record.

William Van Wagener, of Stamford, Conn., last Sunday, tried to beat his hill-climbing record on the Eagle Rock ascent. In the finishing stretch between Nexius' quarry and the Erie the road had recently been repaired, and was covered with a layer of clay. This had been moistened by the rain in the morning and was sticky. Besides, a heavy wind was blowing directly down the hill. Van Wagener succumbed to the odds against him, and stopped about 100 yards from the finish. He did so much better than heretofore in the start that he is convinced that under ordinary circumstances he can beat his record of seven minutes and thirty-eight seconds.

SAVE A ROGUS CHECK.

Former Well-known Bloomfielder in Disgrace.

William D. Marsh, aged 32 years, and about three years ago lived on Main Street, in this town, was arrested by New York city on Thursday last for held for trial on the charge of passing a bogus check on a friend of his family. He is a son of the President of the National Bank of Morristown, a few years ago he got into serious trouble in Roseville, and since that time has been in and out of prison.

A fallen lower and lower and has taken to living in lodging houses in that town.

Some time ago his father's house in Easttown was robbed of \$1,500 worth of jewelry, and he was suspected of being the guilty one, but the matter was not investigated. He has a wife and two beautiful children, who left him in account of his misconduct. He was three popular while in Bloomfield.

He was a large attendance last night at the Knights of Pythias, and was made there a dim light, and the value of the pass was not known. The Knights of Pythias, when the candidates were initiated into the lodge, these three Pages will be advanced to the rank of Esquire. Tomorrow night the members of the lodge will meet in the lodge-room at 7 o'clock sharp, and will march in a body to Christ Church, on Liberty Street. The pastor, the Rev. R. S. Carlin will preach a special sermon to the lodge. Every member is requested to attend by the Chapter Commander, Joseph Wagner.

The Mutual Aid Association connected with this lodge held a meeting and elected the following officers: President, George W. Way; Vice-President, J. W. Brereton; Secretary, A. P. Campbell; Treasurer, Joseph Bickler.

Bloomfield Has No Society of This Kind.

The Citizens' Committee of One Hundred, or, as it is now known, the Law and Order League, in Montclair held a largely attended public meeting on Tuesday night, at which the liquor question was thoroughly discussed by eminent speakers. "Bloomfield is without such a society," said one of the speakers, "and as a result, we have as much as hope with no one to molest them at any time—Sunday included."

Offers to Furnish a Horse.

A petition to be presented to the Township Committee is being circulated about this place, urging that body to demand of the Essex Passenger Railway Company better car service or take up their tracks. The service at present is far from satisfactory, and is even worse than the concern has ever given. Only two cars an hour are run, and they are the old worn-out Irvington cars and broken-down horses.

Foran's Livery Stable of Phoenix Horse Company weighed the new carriage last week. It weighs 1,399 pounds empty and 2,230 pounds fully equipped with horse, etc. J. S. Jarvie has offered to furnish a horse for use on this carriage, provided the members of the company or the township will defray the expense of keeping it.

The King's Daughters of Glen Ridge.

The Glen Ridge circle of King's Daughters will hold a sale of cake and gingham aprons next Friday afternoon, May 15, at 3 o'clock, in the Sunday-school room of the Glen Ridge Church. The proceeds are for the Circle's Fresh-Air Fund.

The Collector's Accounts.

Collector Marr and his counsel, Joseph Munn and Edward S. Wilde, are busy with Expert Stevens's report. The result, when made known, will probably surprise the public.

A DISAPPEARANCE.

EDWIN G. KASTENHUBER HAS BEEN MISSING SINCE APRIL 21.

His Wife Received a Letter on Wednesday Saying He Was in Charlottesville, W. Va.

The disappearance of Edwin G. Kastenhuber, who lived at the corner of Montgomery and Williamson Avenues, is one of the greatest mysteries Bloomfield has had, more so on account of there being no known reason for his absence.

Edwin G. Kastenhuber left his pretty home in Bloomfield at 7 A. M. April 21 to take the train for New York city. His wife with the children who are four and six years old respectively bade him good-by at the door, and he kissed them and went off in the best of spirits to begin the business of the day. He found a friend on the train, and the two chatted pleasantly on the way. Having reached the city, Mr. Kastenhuber went to his place of business at No. 51 Leonard Street, where he has been employed by the National Print Works as manager, and has been considered a satisfactory and faithful officer.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon he started out of the office, saying as he did so that he was only going out on an errand, but also remarking that he might take a notion to run down to Philadelphia over night, look after his business interests there, and be back in the morning. But the next day came, and he did not return or send word either to the office in Leonard Street, or to his home in Bloomfield. Telegrams sent to the parties in Philadelphia with whom he had been transacting business, but he had not been seen in the city.

Mrs. Kastenhuber began to be worried, and after four days had passed she told her husband's lawyer, William H. Sage, of No. 156 Broadway, of the strange disappearance.

The search began at once. Mr. Sage notifying the friends of the missing man in the city. No steps were taken, however, to make the matter public, as all felt sure that Mr. Kastenhuber would be heard from before long. He was a man who had no bad habits of any kind, nor any enemies, and no possible reason could be assigned for his disappearance.

Monday afternoon Mr. Sage visited the records in vain for a trace of his missing client, left a full description of him, and a general alarm was sent out.

Mr. Sage, when seen, said that his client was born in this city thirty-five years ago. He was for some years with the National Print Works, in Leonard Street. About eight years ago he married, and last fall, feeling that his children needed the country air, he hired a house in Bloomfield, on Montgomery Avenue. This spring he bought the lot next door, and began to build a handsome dwelling, which is now more than half-completed.

"I can't imagine," said Mr. Sage, "any cause for his disappearance. He may have been foully dealt with, or taken ill suddenly, or may be temporarily out of his mind and wandering about in the city. About two months ago he told his wife that he had been seized, while on the street, with sharp pains in his head, accompanied by dizziness. However, as long as I have known him, he has been entirely rational—a sober, straightforward man in every way."

Mr. Kastenhuber is described as a man of average seven inches in height, with dark hair, large dark mustache, and dark, rather small eyes. His weight was about 140 pounds.

W. J. Williamson, who resides next door to the home of the missing man, said on Tuesday that it was one of the deepest mysteries he had as yet known.

"Mr. Kastenhuber purchased two lots from me upon which as you see," said Mr. Williamson to an independent reporter, "he is building two houses, one of which was for himself, costing \$3,000, and another for rental, which he had been offered \$23, a month for. All the material on the ground is paid for, as he always settled up for everything when it arrived. No one can account for his strange disappearance."

"Mr. Kastenhuber is a college graduate," added Mr. Williamson, "and is also a fine conversationalist."

Mrs. Kastenhuber received word from her husband on Wednesday night, he being then at Charlottesville, W. Va. The letter said he would only be there a few hours, and that the next time she heard from him he would be nearer home. He gave no explanation for his actions.

It was stated, however, by one of his intimate friends that Mr. Kastenhuber had been speculating and lost some money. His action, however, is considered by his friends and others as being unnecessary, as he could have had plenty of time to settle.

R. W. Gardner, accompanied by Mrs. Gardner and his two sons, Robert and Edward, returned last night from a trip to Washington, D. C.

OBITUARY.

William Barton.

William Barton, one of the oldest and best known citizens of this place, died on Wednesday night at the residence of Mrs. Samuel Cocke, on Belleville Avenue, from the effects of pneumonia.

Mr. Barton was for forty-five years in the employ of the Thomas Oakes & Co. woolen mills as a sorter, being considered one of the best in the country. He was a member of the Park Methodist Church. Mr. Barton for many years resided on Elm Street, and only a short time ago sold his property. He was seventy-five years of age, and leaves two daughters and one son, all of whom are married. His wife died about six years ago.

General A. F. Munn.

Brigadier-General A. F. Munn, Township Clerk of East Orange, died at his home on Main Street, East Orange, at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, aged 73. Mr. Munn was educated at Mr. Frame's school at Bloomfield and Mr. Calvin Crane's boarding school at Caldwell.

R. V. Conover.

R. V. Conover, an old resident of this place, died at nine o'clock on Wednesday night at the home of his son-in-law, Joseph K. Williams, on Glen Ridge Avenue, after a lingering illness. He was eighty-two years of age.

Westminster Doings.

The laying of the corner-stone of their new church seemed to be the signal to the Westminsterites for continual festivities. First, an "at home" by the Whatsoever Circle of the King's Daughters, and now the Westminster Mission Band in circle of still younger ladies announces special anniversary exercises for the evening of next Monday, May 11, at eight o'clock, in the church parlor.

What these exercises are to consist of is kept a profound secret; but the frequency of Band meetings and the numerous consultations among the members would seem to indicate that something as serious (as the St. Patrick's Day of last year) is impending.

It has already been stated that on behalf of Mrs. Kerr's hospital school in Canton a cake of toilet soap, or a needle-book, or a doll will be accepted as admission fee. Or is it either of these ten cents in cash, to be used for the benefit of the hospital?

In Aid of the Organ Fund.

Do not forget the concert at the Glen Ridge Congregational Church next Wednesday evening, May 13, at eight o'clock. This will be one of the best musical entertainments ever given in this vicinity.

The artists are well known in New York. Mr. Carl Duff, Mr. and Mrs. M. Kinley, and Miss Behrens were among those who assisted at the opening of the Montclair Club House, and who sang so acceptably. There will be no reserved seats, but as the church is not a large one, everybody will be able to hear well. On account of the seating capacity being limited, only that number of tickets will be sold, which will entitle its holder to a seat. It will be desirable to secure tickets at once. They may be purchased at Wood's or Scherff's drug-stores, or at the Glen Ridge station. Tickets are one dollar.

Reported Sale of Stock.

It is reported that the majority of the stock of the Orange and Bloomfield Cross-Town Railroad, which was sold by Edward A. Pearson, of the defunct Orange Mountain Land Company, has been purchased by Francis M. Eppley, the President of the road, and Dr. John L. Seward, of Orange. The two men are on friendly terms, and between them own a controlling interest. The report that negotiations are in progress for the sale of the road to the Rapid Transit Company of Newark, is denied by the representatives of the company.

Postponement of Teachers' Examination.

According to the rules of the State Board of Education, the regular spring examination is held on the last Friday and Saturday of May. As, however, the last Saturday of May this year coincides with Decoration Day, which is a legal holiday, the examination will be held on Friday and Saturday, June 5, and 6, at the usual place, the High School in Montclair. It will be for all grades of certificates.

A Wedding.

Miss Josephine Schaap of this place and Philip Woodruff of Summit, N. J., were united in marriage at the residence of the bride's mother on Washington Avenue, Thursday evening. The Rev. R. E. Collins of the Park M. E. Church, performed the ceremony. The happy couple left for Summit, where they will reside.

A New Church in Cedar Grove.

The corner-stone of the new Cedar Grove Congregational Church was laid on Tuesday with appropriate services, in which the congregational ministers of Newark, Orange, Montclair and other places assisted.